

A copy of page 4 of the specification with these corrections is attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12 as follows:

1(amended). An electric meter operation testing device, comprising:
a case enclosing an electrical circuit capable of carrying up to 240 volts of electricity;
said circuit comprising at least a pair of connection leads, the first lead of said pair connected in series through a circuit breaker [and] to an element capable of generating a measurable resistance with at least two terminals, said first lead connected to one of said terminals;
the second [of said pair of connection leads] terminal of said element connected to [said element at the other of said terminals] the second of said pair of connection leads;
a light connected in series between said [element] second terminal of said element and said second connection lead.

12(amended). A method for testing the operation of a single phase electric meter comprising the steps:
attaching one of a pair of connection leads from a device comprising an electrical circuit with means for generating a resistance and means for noting the generation of said resistance capable of carrying up to 240 volts of electricity to a neutral or ground on said meter;
attaching the other of said pair of connection leads from said device to a terminal of said meter;
activating said circuit;
generating a resistance;
noting the generation of said resistance;
noting the activation of said meter; then
disengaging said connection leads from said meter.

REMARKS

The present invention provides a portable testing device to be used by utility service personnel to determine if an electric meter will operate when a load is applied to it. The present invention does not test for the accuracy of a meter nor does it purport to recalibrate a meter. The present invention is intended as a simple test of the functioning of a meter when under a load. The present invention is intended to be used by field personnel to test the basic operation of a meter that is indicating low or no usage during a billing cycle. The present invention saves time and money by enabling testing at the meter in the field without having to disconnect the meter,